

Virgin Islands
(Dollars in Thousands)

Virgin Islands	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	208,337	-519	207,818

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in the Virgin Islands totaled about \$208 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$519 thousand. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has nearly 100 employees in the Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands is home to five national park units and hosts three national wildlife refuges.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in the Virgin Islands stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$95 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge* and *Green Cay National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$423 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Virgin Islands National Park*, *Christiansted National Historic site*, and *Buck Island Reef National Monument*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to the Virgin Islands would drop by about \$166 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	895	-45	850
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	50	-3	47
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	35	-2	33
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	2,165	-110	2,055
State and Wildlife Grants	120	-6	114
Total, Virgin Islands	3,265	-166	3,099

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities

of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.